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SUBJ: REACTION OF EUROPEAN LEFT TO CUBAN INVOLVEMENT
IN ERITREA

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1. THE PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY (PCP) HAS FAITHFULLY
FOLLOWED MOSCOW'S LEAD ON CUBAN MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN
ETHIOPIA-ERITREA. PCP "O DIARIO" ON MAY 17 REPORTED
MENGISTU'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE ERITREAN OFFENSIVE HAD
BEGUN AND ADDED THAT WESTERN WIRE SERVICES WERE INSINUATING
THAT CUBAN AND OTHER TROOPS WERE INVOLVED.

2. MOST OF THE PORTUGUESE FAR-LEFT HAS IGNORED THE CUBAN
INVOLVEMENT IN ERITREA. ONLY THE MAOIST AND POLITICALLY
INSIGNIFICANT PORTUGUESE MARXIST-LENINIST COMMUNIST PARTY
(PCP (M-1)) HAS TAKEN THE USSR AND CUBAN TO TASK FOR THEIR
AFRICAN INVOLVEMENT.

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3. WE KNOW OF NO PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST OR PROGRESSIVE GROUPS
WHO HAVE DISPATCHED REPRESENTATIVES TO CUBA TO DISCUSS A NEGOTIATED
SETTLEMENT.
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